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# THE TRIBUNE.

**Trip to Lebanon Springs—Water Cure—The Shakers, &c.**

Correspondence of The Tribune.

LEBANON SPRINGS, Aug. 4, 1845.

My journey to this romantic spot led me over a thoroughfare every incident of which has been so often described by writers of all sorts, from the professed tourist with his eye of keen observation to the mere nameless pamphly scribbler, as to forbid me hope of my being able to find in it any new theme for my unpracticed pen. I might speak of the heat and dust of the City in contrast with the romantic pleasures of a trip up the Hudson by starlight. I might expatiate upon the picturesque beauty of the palisades or the highlands. I might give you a dissertation on St. Anthony's Nose, or exclaim upon my quantity of patriotism over the incidents and associations connected with West Point; or I might crack another joke over the patriotic folly of the searchers after Capt. Kidd's lost treasures; but, as! all these themes and many more like them, have been a homely but expressive figure, have been completely "chewed up" in years gone by, to say nothing of the traveling literature of the present season.

On incident and one only of my passage to Albany will I attempt to describe. I was on board the Columbia, commanded at present by G. W. CARBAS, Esq., whose gentlemanly qualities and habitual politeness to travelers are generally known and appreciated. About half an hour past midnight, nearly all the passengers were in their berths and most of them fast asleep, a tremendous shock was suddenly felt, when in an instant more than a hundred men leaped from their narrow beds into the centre of the cabin, and without waiting to ascertain the cause of their alarm or to seize even their watches or clothing, rushed to the starway leading to the deck in a perfect panic. The display of night caps and other nocturnal habiliments, to say nothing of scores of uncovered neither limbs, presented a spectacle on which a lover of the grotesque, in nature and art would have gazed with pleasure. I do not dare to shift the scene by attempting a description of what is reported to have occurred in the cabin above, as which I could not have been more loathsome than what I saw among those of the crew on this trying occasion. For a moment all was confusion, anxiety, trepidation. A few however, had sufficient presence of mind to cool all that should ascertain that there was at least some good reason to be frightened. Soon it was manifest that, whatever else had occurred, we were neither blown up nor in danger of drowning; and then when a change! Those who had been fast in their berths set up a lament over the calamity of their frightened state, in which the latter, however, soon joined and the merry shout was exchanged through every part of the cabin. This scene was caused by a collision between the Columbia and the Bellona, which might have proved more serious. How it happened, or who was to blame, I could not learn, though I confess my reluctance to believe that Capt. Carman or any other officer of the Columbia would endanger the lives of his passengers by running his boat into another.

At Greenhush I took the morning cars for Canada, 25 miles East of Albany, where I was soon landed. The rest of the journey to this place (7 miles) was performed by stage.

**LEBANON SPRINGS**—A truly speaking, Lobelia, and a truly celebrated, a true celebrity, for its improved medicinal qualities, and either in past years have come thousands of the sick and afflicted in the hope of finding that relief for their maladies which had been vainly sought elsewhere; while the gay and fashionable seekers of what the world calls pleasure have been attracted by the romantic natural scenery hereabouts, or tempted by their curiosity to see the thriving Shaker settlement in the immediate vicinity. These latter, in leaving the virtues of the Spring entirely out of the question—acting merely as a means to an end, have been sufficient in past times to secure for the landlords here full houses and plentious pence.

The scenery here is indeed magnificent, and, were I skilled in description, I could present a picture to your mind's eye that would so ravish you with its beauty as to make you sigh for a look at the scene original. There is little of art that is lost, but Nature spreads out a panorama which the observer eye of those that have seen it, in kindred to the sunsets of Spain.

It is preposterous to expect that the existence of such a picture as the rest of mankind from turning the soul to extend the rest of mankind from turning the soul to account—God gave the earth to man to use not to particular races, to prevent all other men from using it. Hear! the plants, animals, insects, &c. &c. are not to be denied to any particular soil or climate, but give us the power of ranging over the wide earth. I give up to the savage no principle which I should not apply to the most civilized people of the world.

If by any unimaginable calamity the population of France, for instance, were to be reduced to 100,000,000 which is about the population of New Zealand, and if those 100,000,000 were almost limited to Brittany and Normandy, and culminated as the New-Zelanders do, no more than one acre in a thousand, do you think we should allow this handful of men to devote their country to perpetual embankments? [Cheers.]

Where sleep the thunders of the Express?

Wednesday, August 1st.

Mr. Editor—I have frequently had occasion to remark that you invariably spell "dreadful" and "height" (not "high") and it is a remarkable fact that the sleeping apartments over the Baths are actually made higher in a similar manner, thereby violating the sanctity in such cases made, and provided. Will you good enough, if not too much trouble, to give me your authority for this? The bathers, to their slavery to the "traffic, tolls and tricks" of the City, have been sufficient in past times to secure for the landlords here full houses and plentious pence.

Another correspondent asks why we do not follow Webster also in spelling "Terror" and "Sheriff" with one f each. This is a harder question to answer. Our idea has been that there was no sufficient reason for departing from the established and general usage with regard to these words, yet we will reconsider the point. The rule which Webster lays down for doubling derivatives of the final consonant on such primitives as (*propel, fulfil, &c.*) seems to be based on the plainest dictates of reason and common sense, which we endeavor to obey in all things.

Mr. Wise—We not long since gave the particulars of some proceedings at Rio Grande, the great hydrostatic institution of Brazil, and kept by Mr. Bentely proprietor of the Spring, and capable of affording accommodations for 300 guests, situated just in the rear of the hotel, and a short distance from the speckled wall trees. This residence is shaded by some fine trees which spread forth their branches as it, in kindred to the golden hues of the ripening wheat.

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